

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for management of resources of a chipcard connected to a communication terminal, the resources comprising electronic memory units, the method comprising:

transmitting, from the communication terminal, an application request and a module identification identifying the chipcard to an application management unit;

transmitting, from the application management unit based on the received application request, a first resource management instruction for making ready or releasing resources in the chipcard to a resource management centre external to the chipcard, the first resource management instruction comprising [[a]] the module identification identifying the chipcard;

determining in the external resource management centre if sufficient resources are available in the chipcard identified through the module identification to meet requirements of the first resource management instruction;

transmitting a second resource management instruction from the external resource management centre via an external telecommunication network to the chipcard identified through the module identification;

making ready or releasing resources, in accordance with the received second resource management instruction, through a resource control mechanism in the identified chipcard;

transmitting a resource management confirmation from the identified chipcard via the telecommunication network to the external resource management centre concerning resources which have been made ready or released; ~~and~~

storing information in the external resource management centre about the resources made ready or released in the chipcard based on the transmitted resource management

confirmation received by the external resource management centre, the information being stored assigned to the module identification;

transmitting a resource preparation confirmation from the resource management centre to the application management unit;

transmitting an application installation request from the application management unit via the telecommunication network to the chipcard;

installing an application in the chipcard through the resource control mechanism in accordance with the application installation request using the prepared resources; and

storing information in the application management unit about the installed application, the information being stored assigned to the module identification.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 1,
wherein ~~the module identification and an application request are transmitted by the user of the communication terminal to an application management unit,~~
~~wherein the first resource management instruction is transmitted by the application management unit to the resource management centre on the basis of the received application request,~~ the first resource management instruction ~~comprising~~ comprises a resource user identification, and ~~wherein~~ the resource user identification is stored, assigned to the module identification, in the resource management centre.

Claim 3 (Cancelled).

Claim 4 (Cancelled).

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein the communication address of the communication terminal is determined from a data store in which module identifications and communication addresses assigned to these module identifications are stored.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein managed in addition are software resources of the chipcards.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A system comprising:
a plurality of portable chipcards, each connected to a communication terminal and each comprising a resource control mechanism for making ready and releasing resources in the respective chipcard, the resources comprising electronic memory units[[]]; ~~and~~

an application management unit for receiving from a communication terminal an application request and a module identification identifying the respective chip-card and for transmitting, based on the received application request, a first resource management instruction to a resource management centre;

[[a]] the resource management centre, external to the plurality of chipcards, including a receiving module for receiving [[a]] the first resource management instruction, comprising a module identification, transmitted to the external resource management centre, the external resource management centre also including a management instruction module for transmitting, to the chipcard identified by the module identification, a second resource management instruction via an external telecommunication network connected to the external resource management centre,

wherein the chipcards each include a confirmation module for transmission of a resource management confirmation via the external telecommunication network to the

external resource management centre concerning resources which have been made ready or released through the resource control mechanism in accordance with a received second resource management instruction, and

the external resource management centre includes a management module and a data store for storing information about the resources made ready or released, based on the transmitted resource management confirmation received by the external resource management centre, the information being stored assigned to the module identification,

the external resource management centre includes a confirmation module for transmission of a resource preparation confirmation to the application management unit,

the application management unit includes an application instruction module for transmitting an application installation request via the external telecommunication network to the respective chipcard,

the resource control mechanism includes means for installing an application in the respective chipcard in accordance with the application installation request and using the prepared resources, and

the application management unit includes an application management module for storing information about the installed application, the information being stored assigned to the module identification.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The system according to claim 7,

wherein ~~the system includes an application management unit for receiving the module identification and an application request from the user of the communication terminal and for transmitting the first resource management instruction to the resource management centre on the basis of the received application request,~~ the first resource management instruction includes a resource user identification, and ~~wherein~~ the management module includes means

for storing in the data store the resource user identification in a way assigned to the module identification.

Claims 9-10 (Cancelled).

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 7,
wherein the system comprises an address mapping unit and a data store for
determining the communication address of the communication terminal in which data store
module identifications and communication addresses assigned to these module identifications
are stored.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 7,
wherein the resources which are made ready and released through the resource control
mechanism further comprise, in addition, software resources.

Claims 13-15 (Cancelled).

Claim 16 (New): A method for management of resources of a portable resource
module, the resource module connected to a communication terminal, the resources
comprising electronic memory units, the method comprising:

transmitting, from the communication terminal, an application request and a module
identification identifying the resource module to an application management unit;

transmitting, from the application management unit, based on the received application
request, a first resource management instruction for making ready or releasing resources in
the resource module to a resource management centre external to the resource module, the

first resource management instruction comprising the module identification identifying the resource module;

determining, in the external resource management centre, if sufficient resources are available in the resource module identified through the module identification to meet requirements of the first resource management instruction;

transmitting a second resource management instruction from the external resource management centre via an external telecommunication network to the resource module identified through the module identification;

making ready or releasing resources, in accordance with the received second resource management instruction, through a resource control mechanism in the identified resource module;

transmitting a resource management confirmation from the identified resource module via the telecommunication network to the external resource management centre;

storing information in the external resource management centre about the resources made ready or released in the resource module, the information being stored assigned to the module identification;

transmitting a resource preparation confirmation from the resource management centre to the application management unit;

transmitting an application installation request from the application management unit via the telecommunication network to the resource module;

installing an application in the resource module through the resource control mechanism in accordance with the application installation request using the prepared resources; and

storing information in the application management unit about the installed application, the information being stored assigned to the module identification.

Claim 17 (New): A system comprising:

a plurality of portable resource modules, each connected to a communication terminal and each comprising a resource control mechanism for making ready and releasing resources in the respective resource module, the resources comprising electronic memory units;

an application management unit for receiving, from the communication terminal, an application request and a module identification identifying the respective resource module, and for transmitting, based on the received application request, a first resource management instruction to a resource management centre, wherein

the resource management centre, external to the plurality of resource modules, includes a receiving module for receiving the first resource management instruction, including the module identification, transmitted to the external resource management centre, the external resource management centre further including a management instruction module for transmitting, to the resource module identified by the module identification, a second resource management instruction via an external telecommunication network connected to the resource management centre,

the resource modules each include a confirmation module for transmission of a resource management confirmation via the external telecommunication network to the external resource management centre concerning resources which have been made ready or released through the resource control mechanism in accordance with a received second resource management instruction,

the external resource management centre includes a management module and a data store for storing information about the resources made ready or released, based on the transmitted resource management confirmation received by the external resource management centre, the information being stored assigned to the module identification,

the external resource management centre includes a confirmation module for transmission of a resource preparation confirmation to the application management unit,

the application management unit includes an application instruction module for transmitting an application installation request via the external telecommunication network to the respective resource module,

the resource control mechanism includes means for installing an application in the respective resource module in accordance with the application installation request and using the prepared resources, and

the application management unit includes an application management module for storing information about the installed application, the information being stored assigned to the module identification.